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An Insight on Downtown Parking in Hudson, Wisconsin

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Downtown Hudson Holiday Parking

November 26, 2021 to January 2nd, 2022

Tis the Season for Holiday parking! During this time, you can park your vehicle up to **3 Hours Free**. After the 3 hours is up, you **WILL be required to pay for additional time**. Holiday parking allows citizens and visitors to come downtown and shop for the holidays while supporting local businesses.

Holiday Parking FAQ

1. When I park downtown during the holiday season, will I need to go to a pay station to register my license plates for the 3 hours?
 - No, the only time you need to approach a pay station or use the Passport Application is if you will be staying longer than your free 3 hours.
2. Will parking still be enforced during the holidays?
 - Yes, parking will be enforced Monday – Saturday 10am to 8pm.
 - Sundays are free, as well the following dates:
 - i. December 24, 2021 & December 25, 2021
 - ii. December 31, 2021 & January 1, 2022
3. Why did I receive a parking warning/ citation?
 - You stayed longer than your 3 hours and did not pay for additional time.
4. I have a parking permit for downtown Hudson, will the holiday parking affect that permit?
 - No, your permit will still be active and you will still be required to park in the designated parking lots.
5. I already receive free parking with my senior parking permit, or handicap tag. How will the holiday parking affect me?
 - Senior Parking Permit holders receive 3 hours free with their permits, if you want to extend your parking longer, then you will have to pay for your parking session.
 - Handicap Parking, you will be able to park for free, all we ask is that you respect the 3 Hour parking rule, you will **NOT** be required to pay for extra time.



Hudson Christmas Tour of Homes

- Friday November 19, 2021
 - Evening Dazzle Tour 6:00 pm to 9:00pm
- Saturday November 20, 2021
 - Traditional Tour 10:00am to 5:00pm
- Sunday November 21, 2021
 - Traditional Tour 12:00pm to 4:00pm
- For More information, please contact 715-386-8411 or info@hudsonwi.org



Have a Hudson Holiday 2021

- Friday November 26, 2021 to Monday January 31, 2022
- Downtown Hudson, WI
- Window Decorating Contest
 - Businesses will decorate their front window and the community will get to vote, and enter to win Chamber checks
- Find Santa November
 - Pick up your FREE 5X7 Passport at participating businesses, and search for Santa throughout the many bistros and shops
- Light Up Hudson
 - Lights located in downtown and in Lakefront park will be turned on for the season.
- Plaid Friday
 - We encourage you to wear plaid while you do your local holiday shopping!
- Small Business Saturday
 - Shop, Eat, and Sip locally on Small Business Saturday! Keep it local and support your community.
- For More information, please contact 715-386-8411, or info@hudsonwi.org

ReSpectacle Volunteer Center

529 2nd Street, Suite 100 (Downstairs)



Want to make a difference in the world ? Looking for a place to volunteer? Look no further. ReSpectacle is a 501 (c) (3) charity nonprofit located in downtown Hudson. ReSpectacle processes and prepares glasses to be matched and shipped around the world. The Hudson location is the first dedicated volunteer center. ReSpectacle has sent more than 33,000 glasses around the world and has also collected more than 100,000 pairs of glasses.

Over the past 10 years ReSpectacle continues to provide homes for gently used glasses. Looking for an affordable pair of glasses. Check out their selection of glasses online at [ReSpectacle.org](https://www.respectacle.org)

Interested in volunteering at ReSpectacle? Send an email to volunteer@respectacle.org for more information.

Common Parking Questions

How do I know when my Downtown or Employee parking permit expires?

- If you provided an email address when filling out the application, you will receive an email stating that your permit has expired.
- If you did not provide an email address, you may contact the parking coordinator at 715-386-4770 or ksoukup@hudsonwi.gov
- If your permit has already expired, you can purchase another one at the Hudson Police Department (101 Vine). We have the permit forms in the main lobby. We accept CASH or CHECKS only.
- Downtown Permit rates are \$ 20 monthly/ \$200 annually
- Employee permit rates are \$10 monthly/ \$100 annually (you will be required to show proof of employment)

What happens if I do not pay my parking citations?

- When you receive a parking citation on your window, that is the first notification. The second and third notification will be sent in the mail.
- There will be an escalation fee that is printed on the citation, prices of the citation increase quickly.
- If you fail to pay, you will receive a Final Notice letter, and Suspension Letter in the mail.
- If we have not received any payment after 30 Days of the Suspension letter, you will be sent to collections, as well as the DMV for suspension.
- If you have three or more unpaid/ contested citations and are found in violation your car may be towed or immobilized. (Ordinance 235-55)
- Its important to pay your parking citations right away.

Its cold, and I don't want to spend time at a pay station to pay for parking when its below zero.

- With winter soon approaching its going to get cold and snowy. To avoid the hassle of freezing while paying for parking you can download the Passport Parking App.
- Perks of having the Passport App in the winter
 - You can pay for your parking session in the warmth of your car or business
 - Its convenient and easy to do
 - Takes less then 5 min to pay for your parking session
 - Passport will send you reminders when your time is expiring.



What Should I do if I come across a pay station that is not working?

- If you come across a pay station that is not working properly, please reach out to the parking department at 715-386-4770 and report the pay station. Please make sure to give your location, or a landmark so we can identify and fix that pay station.
- **Do not place anything on the pay station, saying that it is "out of order" or putting tape or stickers on the machine, this causes damage to the exterior.**
- Once you report the pay station, you can pay for your parking session, at another pay station, or you can download the Passport App.
- During the winter months its important to alert us of any pay stations not working, as sleet and snow can cause the coin slots to freeze.

Tis the Season for Holiday Parking

Try and Solve the Holiday Parking word scramble. Clues can be found in the newsletter. Have Fun!

1. HAYPPY ASDLIYOH _____
2. NOWWDTON HSNODU _____
3. GILTH PU USNODU _____
4. 3 UROSH EFER _____
5. ALMLS SNUBEISS AYSRDATU _____
6. DOWNWI RAGOCEIDTN CTTNESO _____
7. VOERENBM 26 LTIL YRUAAJN 2 _____
8. EDNI LLCAO _____
9. ON TTERES RAPNKIG _____

Reminder- Senior Parking Permit Renewal for 2022

- If you have a senior parking permit, please make sure to renew your permit for 2022.
- You can stop by the Hudson Police Department Monday- Friday 730am-430pm to fill out a form in the lobby, and drop it off in the envelope, or City Hall which is by appointment only.
- Stop by the Police Department lobby from 11-2pm on the days listed to have any questions answered or to renew your permit with the parking coordinator.
 - November: 15th , 18th , 23rd , & 30th
 - December 13th , 16th , 20th & 29th
- To qualify for a senior parking permit, you must be 65 years or older and live in the city limits of Hudson. If you live in the township, county, or North Hudson you do not qualify.

Answers- Parking Maze



Hudson Parking Enforcement

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Monday- Saturday 10am to 8pm, Sunday Free

Newsletter Email List

Would you like to receive parking updates, monthly newsletters, and holiday parking information by email? Send an email to ksoukup@hudsonwi.gov to be added to the secure email list.